SIEC Advisory Working (SAW) Group Minutes
January 13, 2004

- Meeting minutes from the January 7, 2004 SAW Group were tabled until the next meeting. Minutes were not available printed at the time of this meeting.

- The state agency inventory was successfully distributed by close of business on January 31, 2003 to the legislature. This was primarily due to the last minutes efforts by Dennis Hausman and Scott Bream both from DIS.

- December 15, 2003 – Roy Lum presented to the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee. Mr. Lum presented the findings of the state agency inventory and lessons learned.

- January 13, 2004 – Fire Chief Jim Broman presented the state agency inventory status to the Technology, Telecommunications & Energy Committee.

- January 13, 2004 – Members of the SAW Group met with staff of the General Accounting Office to discuss interoperability issues. The General Accounting Office visited Washington at the request of Mr. Kevin Kearns, King County, to learn how issues were being approached in Washington State.

- Dennis Hausman distributed the latest version of the survey tool used in the state inventory. In addition, Mr. Hausman distributed copies of additional questions for consideration of inclusion into the survey tool for local government. The survey tool for local government will be web-based. Areas of confusion or problems that were encountered in the state agency inventory are being addressed. The need for the ability to select multiple radios manufacturers or types was highlighted and discussed. The state agency inventory only allowed for a primary radio manufacturer to be entered. The inventory for local agencies will be changed to correct the issue.

- Concern was expressed and discussed regarding the work load impact of multiple surveys being required of local agencies. Local agencies are being asked to complete surveys from a number of groups, including the SIEC, regarding homeland security issues. Concern was expressed for the short turn around time being discussed for the SIEC inventory. Explanation of the work involved, including web-site development, and its impact on the turn around time was discussed.

- Several discussion topics were identified and debated regarding the Interim Plan due by March 31, 2004. Topics included the need for the plan to address training in addition to equipment, the need for local involvement and the related logistical issues, and need to find the balance of sufficient detail to identify interoperability holes versus a cumbersome survey tool. The topic of strategic direction for the

Interim Plan was also debated. Should the plan focus on a systems-level approach (connecting systems), use of existing interoperability channels, interoperability needs versus wants, or a combination of all be considered? More discussion will occur at future meetings.

- Bob Schwent, Washington State Patrol, presented the methodology and philosophy of the inventory currently that was conducted by PSWN in Clallam County as part of their interoperability project. Clallam County was funded to create an interoperability solution to improve interoperability among emergency responders operating within Clallam County.

- Next SAW Group Meeting January 23, 2003 at DIS' Jefferson Building in Olympia at 1:30 PM.

Members present:

Alan Hull, Washington State Department of Transportation
Scott Bream, Department of Information Services
Clark Palmer, Washington State Patrol
Curt Kyle, Washington State Emergency Management Division
Alan Josue, Emergency Management Division
Guy Cranor, State Procurement Office
Dennis Hausman, Department of Information Services
John Lapman, Community Transit (Snohomish County)
John McIntosh, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
John Beck, Washington State University Fire Department
Lori Bame, Legislative Evaluation Accountability Program
Roy Lum, Department of information Services
Marc Johnson, Washington Department of Natural Resources
Sharon Fasnacht, Association of Washington Cities
Alan Komenski, Association of Washington Cities
Jim Hall, Yakima County Emergency Operations Center